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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Rzhetsky et al.

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For : GENE DISCOVERY THROUGH COMPARISONS OF
NETWORKS OF STRUCTURAL AND FUNCTIONAL
RELATIONSHIPS AMONG KNOWN GENES AND PROTEINS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 30, 2002,
please consider the following remarks. Applicants submit herewith a Petition to Extend
Time to respond for a period of three-months up to and including January 30, 2003 with
the required fee.

R E M A R K S

Claims 11-21 are pending in the application. In an Office Action mailed
on December 28, 2001, Claims 11-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second
paragraph; claims 11, 13-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102(e), 102(f) and

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